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For : ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION DEVICE, ULTRASONIC
PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION KIT AND ULTRASONIC
PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION METHOD

SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on October 22, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated August 14, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-561692, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-9701 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,096,000;
- (2) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-295362 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract;

- (3) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-259045 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract;
- (4) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-70987 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,582,586; and
- (5) International Patent Publication No. WO98/00194 A2.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. Patent Publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Japanese office action, and a partial English language translation thereof, also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

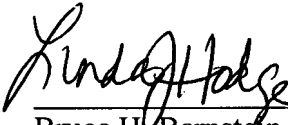
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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